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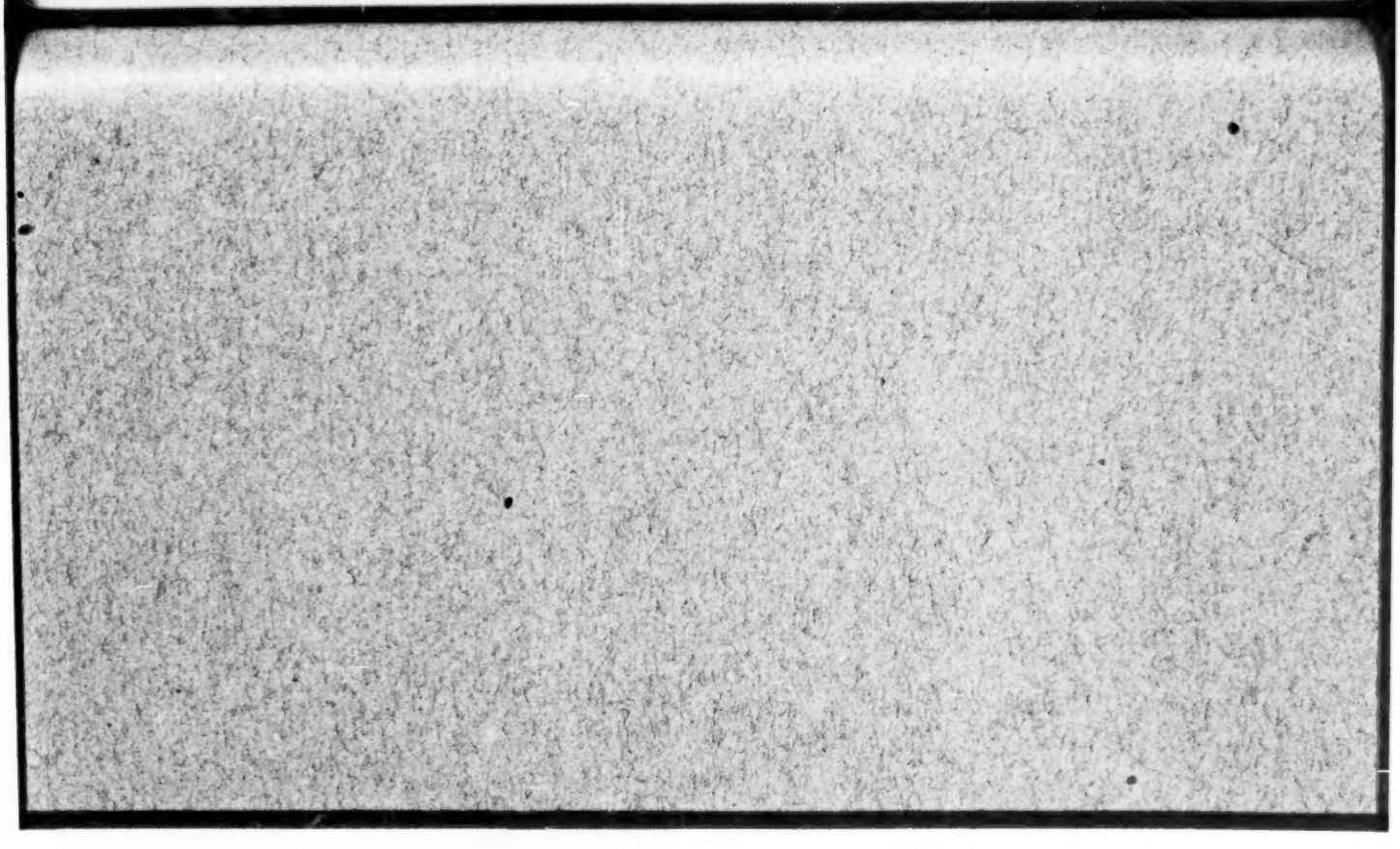

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Comes now the Solicitor-General on behalf of the United States in the above-entitled cause and moves the court to advance it on the docket for hearing on the very earliest practicable day.

The case is an indictment for murder committed in Alaska, and has once before been adjudicated by this court (180 U. S., 356). Bird has again been tried, and on December 24 last was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged. Obviously, there ought to be no unnecessary delay in disposing of this case. I am afraid the necessary delay incident to disposing of capital cases coming from Alaska may bring the administration of justice there into disrepute. The temptation to counsel for defense to send capital cases here for purposes of delay merely, is, I imagine, strong.

JOHN K. RICHARDS,
*Solicitor-General.*

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